

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Description

This report describes the results of an identification-level architectural resource survey and determination of National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility conducted for the proposed improvements to a segment of Church Road (Wynnefield to State Route [S.R.] 71) located in New Castle Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware (Figure 1). The State of Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) will improve the existing two-lane roadway by the construction of 1.5 m (5.0 ft) wide sidewalk/bicycle lanes. The goal of the survey was to identify each resource within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) built prior to 1960 and assess its eligibility for listing in the NRHP. The architectural resource survey and determination of eligibility are designed to assure compliance with state and federal legislation, including the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 36 CFR 800, and Executive Order 11593, as amended.

1.2 Area of Potential Effect

The project APE is located on the Saint Georges, Delaware 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle (United States Geological Survey [USGS] 1993) in the Upper Coastal Plain physiographic province. The APE for cultural resource studies includes the proposed 1.5 m (5.0 ft) wide corridor along each side of the existing roadway, as described in a DelDOT letter dated March 6, 2003 to the Delaware State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Stormwater management areas are also discussed in the DelDOT letter; however, none have been specified to date and none are considered as part of this report (Figure 2).



